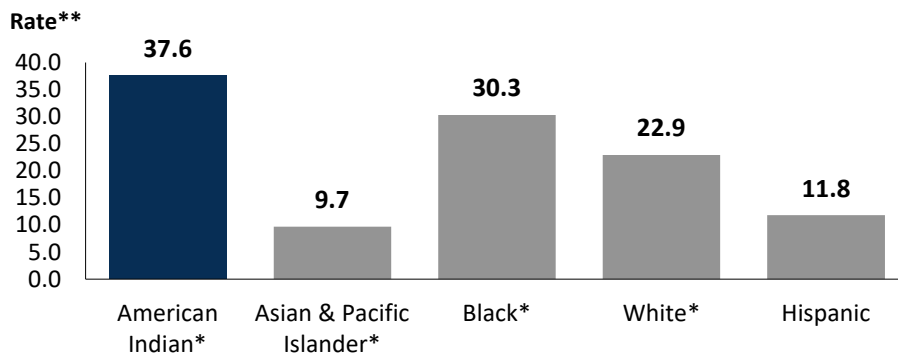


NC Violent Death Reporting System

VIOLENT DEATHS AMONG AMERICAN INDIAN RESIDENTS IN NORTH CAROLINA: 2015-2024

The North Carolina Violent Death Reporting System (NC-VDRS) is a CDC-funded statewide surveillance system that collects detailed information on violent deaths that occur in North Carolina including: homicide, suicide, unintentional firearm deaths, legal intervention, and deaths of undetermined intent. NC-VDRS uses information from death certificates, medical examiner reports, and law enforcement reports to understand and aid in the prevention of violent deaths. For more information, please visit the [NC-VDRS page](#) within the Injury and Violence Prevention Branch website.

Violent Death Rate by Race/Ethnicity: NC-VDRS, 2015-2024



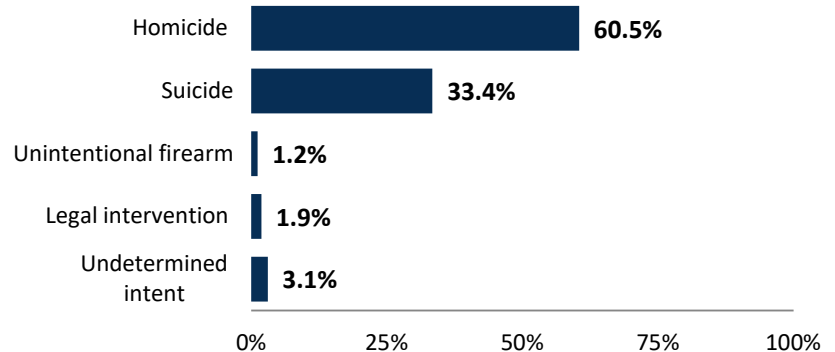
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** Rate per 100,000 population

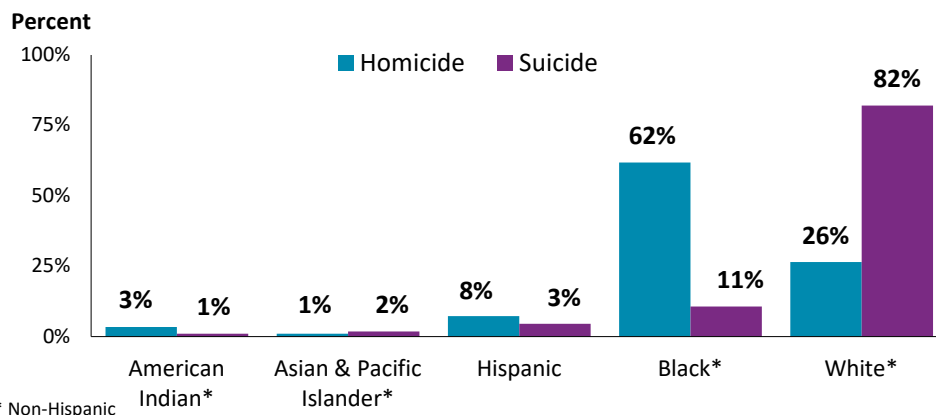
- From 2015-2024, 425 NH American Indian residents in North Carolina died by violence.
- There were 257 homicides (60.5%), 142 suicides (33.4%), five unintentional firearm deaths (1.2%), eight deaths from legal interventions (1.9%), and 13 deaths of undetermined intent (3.1%) among NH American Indian residents.
- Male NH American Indian residents were more likely to die by violence than females from 2015 to 2024 (80.7% versus 19.3%).

- For the year 2024, there were 112,236 non-Hispanic (NH) American Indian residents living in North Carolina, accounting for 1.0% of the state's population.
- NH American Indian victims had the highest rate of violent death by race in North Carolina for the years 2015-2024 (37.6 per 100,000 population).

Manner of Death Among NH American Indian Victims: NC-VDRS, 2015-2024



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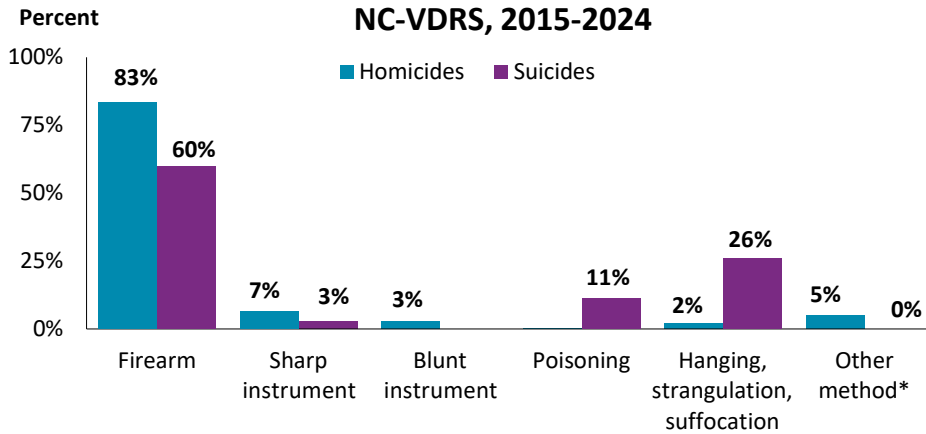


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- NH American Indian victims accounted for 3.3% of all homicides and 1.0% of all suicides, across all racial groups in North Carolina from 2015 to 2024.

- In contrast, 61.8% of all homicides were NH Black victims and 82.1% of all suicides were NH White victims from 2015 to 2024.

Method of Death Among NH American Indian Victims: NC-VDRS, 2015-2024



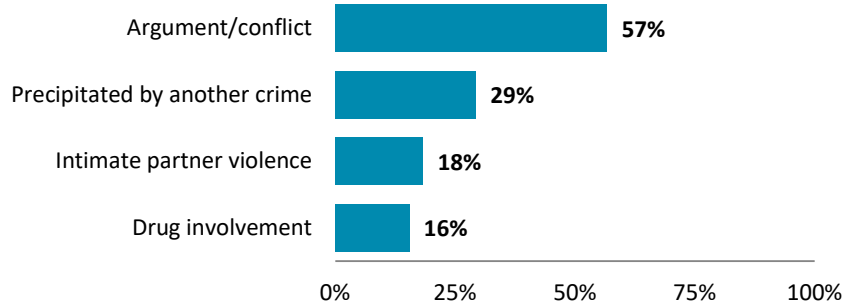
- The majority of homicides (83.3%) and suicides (59.9%) among NH American Indians victims involved firearms.

- The second most common method of homicide was sharp instruments (6.6%).

- The second most common method of suicide was hanging, strangulation or suffocation (26.1%).

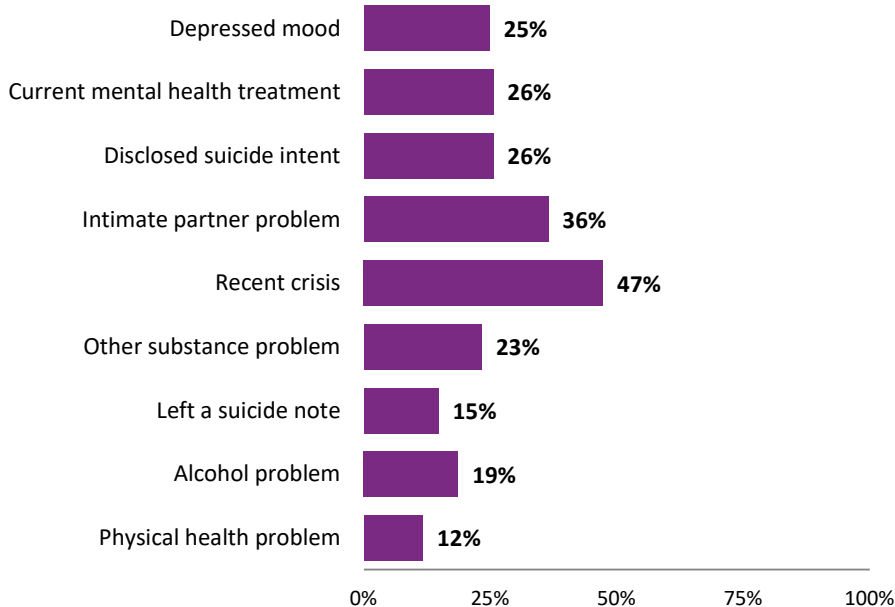
- Of all homicides among NH American Indian victims with known circumstance information, more than half (56.7%) involved an argument or conflict.
- Another serious crime (e.g., robbery, burglary) precipitated 29.4% of homicides among NH American Indians.
- Of these homicides, 15.5% were suspected to have been related to drug dealing, trade, or use.

Homicide Circumstances* Among NH American Indian Victims: NC-VDRS, 2015-2024



* Ninety-five percent (95.3%) of homicide cases had circumstance information.

Suicide Circumstances* Among NH American Indian Victims: NC-VDRS, 2015-2024



* Ninety-one percent (90.8%) of suicide cases had circumstance information.

- Among NH American Indian suicide victims with known circumstance information, 47.3% experienced a recent crisis.
- Nearly a quarter (24.8%) of victims were characterized as being depressed at the time of suicide.
- Twenty-six percent (25.6%) of victims were receiving treatment for a mental health problem.
- Over one-third (36.4%) of suicide victims experienced an intimate partner problem, and 23.3% percent experienced some substance use problem other than alcohol.

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